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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING

BACTERICIDAL PYRIDINE COMPOUND

AND BACTERICIDAL PYRIDINE

COMPOUND

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed March 9, 2009, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II: Claims 25 and 26 drawn to a chemical compound of formulas (8) and (10).

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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